



Governor's Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2007

3:30p.m. 7:00pm

Prescott College

220 N. Grove Avenue

Prescott, AZ 86301

A regular meeting of the Governor's Youth Commission (GYC) was convened on April 13, 2007 at Prescott College, 220 N. Grove Avenue, Prescott, AZ 86301. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Governor's Youth Commission:

Members Present		
Ashley Applebee	Adam Falk	Brandon McClelland
Shruti Bala	Chris Klemmich	Aaron McGuire
Jessica Bender	Reyna Kontos	Sultana Pecherskaya
Elizabeth Benson	Alicia Lopez	Smitha Ramakrishna
Alice Cai	Natalie Lucas	Kimberly Roland
Andres Cano	Kunal Mangal	Evan Spencer
Andrew Conlogue	Ty McBride	Adam Zeldin

Staff/Guests Present	Members Absent	
Huma Haroon	Alyssa Bisanz	Camille Olson
Tammy Paz-Combs	Shin Chang	Jessica Alice O'Neil
Regeanna Mwansa	Kirsten Franz	Alysha Rivera
Lindsey Ashmore	Chase Gammon	Anthony Rivera
Bob Shogren	Ariel Granillo	Azim Rizk
Angela Baldasare	Alison Goulder	Cathleen Smith
	Shawana Grigsby	Nilo Thomas
	Yasmine Hafiz	Taylor Walton
	Grant LaCorte	June Yoon
	Josh Malmskog	
	Hannah Nunez	

A. Call to Order

Chair Evan Spencer called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. with twenty-one (21) members present, four (4) staff and two (2) guests.

B. Welcome and Introductions

Evan welcomed the GYC members and introduced Governor's staff member Regeanna Mwansa to lead the Ice Breaker.

C. Ice Breaker

Regeanna led an Ice Breaker by playing Elephant, Palm Tree and Clint Eastwood.

D. Review of Agenda (moved from agenda item E)

Vice Chair Shruti Bala reviewed the agenda with the members.

E. Approval of January 26, 2007 meeting minutes

Vice Chair Shruti Bala requested for the GYC to review the meeting minutes for January 26, 2007.

The following changes were identified:

- Add an “s” to “member” on page two (2) under item F to pluralize.
- Replace the word “the” with “that” under item F.
- Change the word “Office” to “Officer” under item H.
- Replace the word “that” with the word “who” under item I.
- Members of the UAD mini grant need to be added under item K.
- Replace the word “on” with the word “and” under item L, bullet point (3) three.
- Correct the spelling of Andrew Conlogue’s name under item N.
- Correct the spelling of Jessica Bender’s name under item N.

Alicia Lopez motioned to make the identified changes to January 26, 2007 meeting minutes.

Kimberly Roland seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously with twenty-one (21) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) abstentions. **(07.04.01)**

F. Focus Group findings and Recommendations

Huma Haroon provided the context to Angela Baldasare’s presentation. Angela discussed through her PowerPoint presentation GYC UAD findings, and their limitations. Additionally, Angela also explained how the GYC findings contributed to the statewide UAD Data Report, and how GYC data was referred to in making the media campaign recommendations to R and R.

G. Media Committee Update

Adam Falk explained that both Angela Baldasare and Jessica White were present at the Media Committee meeting held on March 18, 2007, and Media Committee members were presented with an opportunity to attend a UAD Committee meeting in which R and R would report the status of the message development based on statewide data analyzed by Pima Prevention Partnership. Adam Falk introduced Jessica White and provided a brief update of the Media Committee’s prior meeting on March 18, 2007. Jessica White explained to the GYC the strategic plan and concept development schedule of the media campaign. Jessica White informed the GYC members the potential timeline R and R will adhere to, and what GYC members should anticipate for the process to launch the final media campaign.

H. UAD Mini Grant (ARMPY)

Huma Haroon gave an overview of the Alcohol Retailer Mapping in Proximity to Youth mini grant that the GYC will be overseeing. Huma Haroon explained the objective of the grant, timeline, the youth participation component, and the grant application review process. Huma Haroon passed out three (3) copies of the ARMPY for GYC members to review, (all copies were collected at the end of the meeting), and discussed the grant timeline. Tammy Paz-Combs and Huma Haroon explained the importance of not discussing the grant with the general public once the grant has been released. Following the ARMPY overview, a group discussion took place on the objective of the ARMPY, and how the data collected from the ARMPY can be used.

I. Youth Leadership Day

Shruti Bala, Vice-Chair, introduced the topic of Youth Leadership Day. Evan Spencer, Chair, and Shruti Bala discussed the overall success and setbacks of Youth Leadership Day. Huma Haroon distributed the promotional items of Youth Leadership Day. The following items were discussed to consider when planning Youth Leadership Day 2008.

- Schedule youth networking reception earlier in the agenda
- Topics of workshops should be discussed

J. UAD Policy Committee

Huma Haroon discussed the 2nd Statewide Substance Abuse Conference that will be held on May 1 –2, 2007. Huma Haroon reminded the GYC that Nilo Thomas, Smitha Ramakrishna, and Alison Goulder will be presenting a workshop entitled, Indicators of Change: Gaps and Trends in national and Arizona Data. She asked if there were any additional members of the GYC besides the designated presenters and Andres Cano that wanted to attend, especially since scholarships to waive the cost of registration and hotel accommodations were available. All attending GYC members declined the invitation to attend the 2nd Statewide Substance Abuse Conference. Huma Haroon then discussed the opportunity for 10 GYC members to attend the 9th Annual National Leadership Conference. Huma Haroon explained the Governor's Office of Highway Safety has offered a sponsorship of five GYC members, and the GYC budget will allow for another five GYC members to attend the 9th Annual National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida for August 2 – 4, 2007. Huma Haroon also explained that she has submitted a workshop proposal for the 9th Annual National Leadership Conference and the GYC will learn about their workshop approval in early May. Huma Haroon asked which ten GYC members would like to attend the conference; the following members raised their hands expressing interest to attend the conference:

Natalie Lucas
Smitha Ramakrishna
Kimberly Roland
Kunal Mangal
Alice Cai
Ashley Applebee

Chris Klemminich
Aaron McGuire
Andres Cano
Adam Zeldin
Ty McBride
Reyna Kontos

K. AYS Committee

Natalie Lucas reported out on the Arizona Youth Survey (AYS) Committee. She explained On March 21, 2007, Michelle Nietch of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission informed stakeholders of the AYS that they were in need of an exemption from the provision in ARS 15-104. The legislation required for all children to have a permission slip returned in order to take the survey as opposed to a child returning a permission slip only if their parent does not want them to participate in the survey. Arizona Criminal Justice Commission believes that this will reduce the number of schools willing to participate in the survey as well as the number of students who will be taking the survey; this could potentially cause their data to not be representative at the state level. The ACJC had an opportunity for an exemption from the permission slip. Just yesterday, Representative Anderson introduced a floor amendment to Senate Bill 1331. Many stakeholders contacted their representatives to show support of getting an exemption added from the provisions established under ARS 15-104. Because of these recent developments, the GYC will have to see what the outcomes are, and in consideration of these outcomes, the GYC must determine how to most effectively advocate for the administration of the AYS. Natalie asked the GYC members when would be the next best date to meet. The AYS committee decided to meet on June 4, 2007 at 4:00pm.

L. CUBs

Huma Haroon provided an overview of the CUBs program, collected applications that were ready for submittal. Huma Haroon explained that the new GYC applications would be due a week from the meeting. Regeanna Mwansa and Huma Haroon took pictures of the GYC members who were interested in participating with CUBs.

M. National Youth Service Learning Conference

Kimberly Roland and Alicia Lopez reported out on their experience with the National Youth Service Learning Conference in New Mexico. Kimberly Roland and Alicia Lopez explained the conference held the largest gathering of youths and practitioners from the service-learning movement.

- Nearly 3,000 participants from all 50 states and 12 other countries
- More than 200 workshops
- More than 900 youth attendees
- Showcases of regional service-learning projects
- Keynote speeches from internationally recognized experts

Alicia Lopez and Kimberly Roland provided a little more background on the conference; they explained the National Youth Leadership Council and New Mexico State Commission for Community Volunteerism were the hosts. Kimberly Roland and Alicia Lopez expressed it was a great opportunity to discuss common issues and exchange strategies. Kimberly Roland and Alicia Lopez discussed how they were given an opportunity to network and learn about other service projects across the nation.

Kimberly Roland and Alicia Lopez described the following aspects of the workshop, entitled: “Pay it Forward: Go lead Our World!”

- **Attendance and Recruitment**
- **GYC workshop**- which directly involved 230 youth participants at the 2006 Governor’s Underage Drinking Summits, and ultimately led to impacting over 2,000 Arizona youth in just two months.
- **GYC Tool Kit** - toolkit presents a step-by-step process that will engage youth in planning and implementing a successful youth summit in their community. We shared how to plan a youth summit that will educate youth on a community-focused issue and will motivate them to plan a service project in their own community on that same issue.
- **Interactive portion** during which participants completed their own “toolkits.”

N. 2007 – 2008 Planning Committee

Huma Haroon explained that the Governor’s Youth Commission has many ongoing projects through 2008. She explained that the 2007 – 2008 planning committee met on February 8, 2007. The meeting minutes were included in the GYC meeting packets for commissioners to review. Huma Haroon also explained that during the 2007 –2008 Planning Committee on February 8, 2007, Nicole Yancey of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (AJJC) attended the meeting. Nicole Yancey at the February 8, 2007 meeting explained an opportunity for graduating seniors of the GYC to get involved with the AJJC. The GYC reviewed the 2007 –2008 Planning Committee minutes.

O. Senior Superlatives and Senior Slideshow

After dinner the GYC received senior superlative certificates and watched a senior slideshow.

P. Announcements

Regeanna Mwansa explained the process of travel reimbursements. A few of the GYC seniors discussed their future plans.

Q. Call to Public

Evan Spencer made a call to the public with no response.

R. Adjourn

Adam Falk motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10p.m. Brandon McClelland seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed with eighteen (18) ayes, three (3) nays and zero (0) abstentions.

(07.04.01)

Dated the 7th Day of May 2007

Governor's Youth Commission

Respectfully submitted by:

Huma Haroon

Youth Development Program Administrator